Complete Without Spot, Or Wrinkle, Or Any Such Thing!

"…ye are complete in Him, which is the head of all principality and power"

(Colossians 2:10)

HERE is a truth, the vastness of which is only equalled by its unspeakable preciousness. The Lord Jesus is the life of our acceptance with God. We stand as believers in the righteousness of a living Head. Within the veil He has entered, *"now to appear in the presence of God for us,"* presenting all His people each moment complete in Himself. It is a present justification. *"Ye are complete in Him." "Accepted in the Beloved." "Justified from all things."* Perfection in himself, the enlightened soul utterly repudiates. Completeness in [anything] he is, or has done, he totally rejects. Incomplete his deepest repentance—incomplete his strongest faith—incomplete his best obedience—incomplete his most costly sacrifice—low in the lowest dust does he lay himself. Too [poor] he cannot think of himself—too little he cannot be in his own eyes. Language fails to express the deep self-loathing, and sin-abhorrence of his soul. But lo! a voice is heard,—oh, it falls upon his ear like the music of the spheres: *"YE ARE COMPLETE IN HIM."* In one moment all is peace. The believing soul ceases from his works—the weary spirit enters into rest, because, believing, it enters into Jesus. In Christ he now stands complete. His pardon complete—his justification complete—his adoption complete—his whole person complete before a holy God! Is not this a vast truth? And is it not a glorious one? Where is the doctrine that exceeds it? Where is the declaration that has in it such life as this? Dear reader, it may be thou hast long been looking at thyself for some one thing complete. Something—in thy judgment thou mayest reject the thought—yet in thy heart there is that principle which has been looking for something in thyself to commend thee to God,—something to make thee more acceptable to, more welcomed by, Him. But, behold where thy completeness is found—in, and solely in Christ. O precious truth! A poor, vile sinner, standing before a holy God, complete in righteousness! The object of His infinite love and delight, over whom He rejoices with singing. Oh, how divine, how finished, how glorious must that righteousness be which so covers thy soul as to present thee before a God of immaculate purity, "without a spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing!" [Ephesians 5:27]. [AMEN!] — Octavius Winslow

SOVEREIGN GRACE CHURCH

May 15th, 2022

We gather together
Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. and
Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.

Nursery available for 4 years old and younger

"Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen."

(Jude 1:24-25)

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O DREAM not of happiness, reader, until you have gone as a repenting sinner to the cross of Christ. Until the atoning blood has been applied to your conscience, and the Spirit bears His witness to your adoption [Romans 8:16]. If this, and this only, is the source of all true happiness, then the more constantly and closely the believer realizes his full and complete acceptance in the Beloved, the greater must his happiness be. You may be a son or a daughter of affliction. In this furnace you may be chosen, Isaiah 48:10, and through this furnace—it may be the Lord's holy will you should pass all your days. You may be a child of poverty, possessing but little of this world's comforts, lonely, neglected, despised, yet, O look up! You are precious in God's sight,—dear to Him as the apple of His eye—His heart yearns over you with more than a Mother's exquisite fondness for her child, because He has loved you with an everlasting love, and to the praise of the glory of His grace, has accepted you in [His Beloved Son]. [AMEN!] — OW

Welcome

SINNERS are welcome at Sovereign Grace Church. We are a local body of the Lord Jesus Christ. As you spend time with us, you'll soon discover we're an imperfect assembly, with an imperfect pastor, yet by God's underserved grace, we preach, believe, and know the perfect gospel of our never failing Lord Jesus Christ. Reader, we call His name Jesus for He shall (not might, not maybe) rather He shall save His people from their sins. And beloved believing sinner you already know it you are *complete in Him*, saved to the *uttermost* [Colossians 2:10, Hebrews 7:25].

Announcements

Happy Birthday!
James Richards, June 1st
Marcela Borders, June 5th

Resources

BE sure to visit our websites for gospel articles, live messages, and resources.

Grace Articles

Christ Is All

"…Christ is all, and in all."

(Colossians 3:11)

A LITTLE while ago I had a conversation with an Irishman, who had been to hear me preach. He had come to ask me, he said, the way of salvation. "What troubles me," said he, "is this God says that He will condemn the sinner, and punish him; then how can God forgive; because He must punish if He would keep His word?" I placed before him the Scriptural view of the atonement, in the substitution of Christ for the sinner; and the poor man was astonished and delighted beyond measure, never having understood the beauty and simplicity of the Gospel way of salvation before. "Is it really so?" said he, "It is in the Bible," I replied, "Then the Bible must be true," said he, "for nobody but God could have thought it."

If Jesus Christ is our *Surety**, friends, we are safe from the demands of the law. If Christ is our substitute, we shall not suffer the penalty due to sin; for God will never punish twice. If I have nothing therefore but Christ, I do not want anything else, for Christ is all. If Christ is your all, you will not want anything to help you, either in living or in dying; for you can never sink if you are upon the Rock, and able to exclaim with the poet—"Nothing in my hands I bring, Simply to thy cross I cling" [for] "Christ is all."

[Reader]…If a man has got Christ, then what does he want else??If a man has found Christ he has gained everything. If I want perfection, if I have Christ I have absolute perfection in Him. If I want righteousness, I shall find in Him my beauty and my glorious dress. I want pardon, and if I have Christ I am pardoned, for "Through Jesus blood I'm clean."

I want heaven, and if I have Christ I have the Prince of heaven, and shall be there by-and-by, to live with Christ, and to dwell in His blessed embrace for ever. If you have Christ you have all. Do not be desponding, do not give ear to the whisperings of Satan that you are not the children of God; for if you have Christ you are His people, and other things will come by-and-by, as the sun shineth more and more unto the perfect day. Christ makes you complete in Himself; as the apostle says, *"Ye are complete in Him."* (Colossians 2:10) [AMEN!] — Charles Spurgeon

* A person who takes responsibility for another's performance of an undertaking, for example their appearing in court or the payment of a debt.